

SPIRIT OF GRACE
Palm Passion Sunday
April 10, 2022

*The congregation's parts are in **BOLD**.*
Masks are respectfully requested during singing.

GATHERING IN THE LOBBY

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

Open your hearts and minds to the Good News as recorded in the 19th chapter of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Wave your palms during the processional song into the sanctuary:

PROCESSIONAL SONG

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

ELW 344

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.' The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the lower parts.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

GREETING AND PRAYERS

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

HYMN

A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

Verse 1

A stable lamp is lighted
whose glow shall wake the sky;
the stars shall bend their voices,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbor heaven,
a stall become a shrine.

Text Richard Wilbur; Music GIA Publications, Inc.
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3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

2: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

1: Jesus said to them,

2: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

3: Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

1: “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

3: Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them.

1: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

2: And Jesus did the same with the cup after supper.

1: “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.

3: For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

2: Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

1: A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

3: But Jesus said to them,

2: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

1: But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.”

2: “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

3: And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

1: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

HYMN

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

ELW 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
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2: Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

1: When Jesus reached the place, he said to them,

3: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

1: Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

3: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

2: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

1: In his anguish Jesus prayed more earnestly and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

2: When Jesus got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and said to them,

3: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

2: While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.

1: He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

3: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

2: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

ALL: "LORD, SHOULD WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?"

1: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

3: "No more of this!"

1: And Jesus touched his ear and healed him.

2: Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

3: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me.

1: But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

HYMN

A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

Verse 2

This child through David's city
shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
though heavy, dull and dumb,
and lie within the roadway
to pave his kingdom come.

3: Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.

1: When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

3: Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him."

1: But Peter denied it:

2: "Woman, I do not know him."

3: A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said, "You also are one of them."

2: "Man, I am not!"

3: Then about an hour later, still another kept insisting:

1: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

2: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

3: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

1: The Lord turned and looked at Peter.

2: Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

3: And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

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(sung several times)

2: Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

ALL: "PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?"

3: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

2: When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council.

3: They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." Jesus replied,

1: "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question you, you will not answer.

3: But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

2: All of them asked,

ALL: "ARE YOU, THEN, THE SON OF GOD?"

1: "You say that I am."

3: Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

2: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

1: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

3: Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

1: "You say so."

2: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

3: But they were insistent and said,

1: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began, even to this place."

3: The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Jesus.

2: Even Herod with his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked him;

1: then Herod put an elegant robe on Jesus, and sent him back to Pilate.

3: That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

HYMN

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

ELW 666, verse 2

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

1: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

3: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.

2: Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us.

1: Indeed, Jesus has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

2: Then they all shouted out together,

ALL: “AWAY WITH THIS FELLOW! RELEASE BARABBAS FOR US!”

1: This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.

2: Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;

3: but they kept shouting,

ALL: “CRUCIFY, CRUCIFY HIM!”

2: A third time Pilate said to them,

3: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no grounds for the sentence of death;

2: I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

1: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

3: So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

2: He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder,

1: and Pilate handed Jesus over as they wished.

HYMN

A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

Verse 3

Yet he shall be forsaken,
and yielded up to die;
the sky shall groan and darken,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
for gifts of love abused;
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's blood again refused.

The congregation stands.

3: As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on Simon,

1: and made him carry it behind Jesus.

2: A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

3: But Jesus turned to them and said,

1: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

2: For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’

3: Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’

1: For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

2: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus.

3: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

2: Then Jesus said,

1: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

2: And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

3: And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at Jesus, saying,

ALL: “**HE SAVED OTHERS; LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF IF HE IS THE MESSIAH OF GOD, HIS CHOSEN ONE!**”

2: The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

3: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

2: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

3: But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

2: And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,

1: but this man has done nothing wrong.”

3: Then the criminal said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

2: Jesus replied,

1: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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1: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed;

2: and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

1: Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

3: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

1: Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence for about fifteen seconds.

1: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

2: "Certainly this man was innocent."

3: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

1: But all Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN

A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

Verse 4

But now, as at the ending,
the low is lifted high;
the stars shall bend their voices,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
in praises of the child
by whose descent among us
the worlds are reconciled.

SENDING

The congregation leaves in silence.

POSTLUDE

Draw Me Close To You